



Chew Valley School

Learn

Grow

Achieve

Governance at Chew Valley School

Who are we?

Chew Valley School is founded on a commitment to enable all of our students to learn, grow and achieve. Many people who visit us comment on the fact that the school is about developing the 'whole student' who is ready to play a confident role in the world. The school is rightly proud of its students and their achievements, and we look to continue to provide an environment where they are stimulated and supported in equal measure.

Chew Valley is part of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, a multi-academy trust, which forms a wider community by bringing together four secondary schools and 29 primary schools from across Bristol, North Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset.

What does a governor do?

As a governor, you'll work with the board to support and challenge the school's leadership, helping shape long-term strategy and improve outcomes for students. You'll bring an external perspective, offering positive and constructive ideas, without getting involved in day-to-day operations. Think of it as "eyes on, hands off." You don't need prior experience in education, though staying up to date with secondary education news can be helpful. All governors must complete a DBS check, follow the Code of Conduct, complete disqualification and pecuniary interest forms, and attend role-specific training. You'll also be asked to provide two short references for safeguarding purposes.

What we're looking for

This is a voluntary role for an initial four-year term. Governors are expected to attend six LGB meetings per year and be flexible to join occasional panels when needed. We are passionate about diversity and inclusion. We want our governing body to reflect the richness of our school community. Applications are welcome from everyone, but we particularly encourage individuals from underrepresented groups, including young people (18–40), people from ethnic minority backgrounds, the LGBT+ community, and individuals with disabilities.

How to apply

If you are interested, please submit a personal statement (maximum 250 words) outlining why you wish to join the Local Governing Body and what skills and experience you would bring to the role. You will also need to complete a declaration form.

All applicants will be invited to attend an interview in December as part of the selection process. Final appointments will depend on the number of available positions and will be confirmed by the Trust Board.

Applications should be submitted via the Microsoft Form linked [here](#). The deadline for submissions is **Sunday, 7th December 2025**.